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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1943. FOIAb3a Eighty-three of these reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED]

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports, beginning with the most recent and working backward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED]. The numbering of the items was added by the translator since the [REDACTED] did this only in the last eighteen reports, [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report. FOIAb3a FOIAb3a

27 September 1943

The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report 9/9

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

1. Personnel Situation

(1) The following trade and technical schools of the Metal Industry are to be put into operation in September and October:

in Stalin grad Oblast'	4 trade schools with 2000 pupils
	3 technical schools with 3000 pupils
in Voroshilovgrad Oblast'	1 trade school with 300 pupils
in Rostov/Don Oblast'	2 trade schools with 1200 pupils

The pupils must be called up in September/October.

(2) The training of technical students in the second half of 1943 at the trade schools of the Azerbajdzhan Oil Combine in Baku is finished. The Technical School in Blagoveshchensk has an enrollment of 180 students for the next semester.

(3) The administration of the NKRF Technical School in Astrakhan has no clear knowledge concerning the possibility of draft exemptions for the students of the class of 1926.

(4) In Krasnodar Oblast' 990 Komsomol members were conscripted for the reconstruction of railroad stations at:

Krasnodar
Tikhoretsk
Krapotkino
Timashevka
Armavir
Majkop

Moreover, 3000 more Komsomol members were conscripted for further work on the railroad.

(5) In Rostov Oblast' 60 youths were conscripted for the Steel Industry in Chelyabinsk. In connection with the reconstruction of metal plants in Sulin and Taganrog, a number of young people are likewise to be called up.

(6) Astrakhan NKRF requires 200 men for various work.

2. FOOD SITUATION

(7) Stavropol Krai has to undertake the following deliveries to the Red Army from the harvest of 1943:

	<u>Potatoes</u>	<u>Vegetables</u>
For the South Front	3000 tons	3000 tons
For the North Caucasus Front	2320	7450
For the North Caucasus Military Okrug	6000	7825
Total	11,320 tons	18,275 tons

(8) In the liberated oblasti the cattle herds are returning to the kolkhozes. The Lower Volga Steamship Agency prepared four river fords at the beginning of September, of which two were newly created. The largest is at Kamyshin. On the 14th there were led across at Kamyshin:

2410 horses
1180 horned cattle
8090 sheep

Work cattle predominated.

(9) The following offices and plants of the NKRF have fulfilled yearly fishing plan within eight months as follows:

Gorodets, Mechanical Plant	15%
Gorodets, Shipyard	28%
Molotov, Water Transport Base	11%
Molotov	67%
Ust-Usa	50%
Razneshe, Shipyard	5%
Chkalovsk	11%
Yakutsk	6%
Khabarovsk	8%

(10) On the basis of a government decree effective as of 1 September the pupils of children's homes and boarding schools everywhere are to be supplied according to the following norms. In grams per child and per month:

Meat or fish	1500 grams
Fats	500
Cheese	200
Cream	300
Sugar or sugar products	500
Groats or macaroni	1500
Meal	750
Tea or coffee	60
Cocoa	60
Salt	400
Dried fruit	300
Potatoes or vegetables	7500
Milk	3000
Eggs	15 each
Bread	500 grams (daily)

(11) The directors of children's homes, their deputies and the faculty receive per person and per month:

Meat or fish	1800 grams
Fats	400
Sugar or sugar products	400
Groats or macaroni	1200

Bread, according to the ration of the group of workers of the second category, 500 grams daily in the oblasti liberated from the enemy.

(12) Voroshilovgrad, Grain Procurement, received only 120 tons of grain for Rostov Oblast' from the September allocation of more than 4000 tons.

(13) Kujbyshev is to place in reserve for the winter 60 kilograms of potatoes and 100 kgs. of vegetables per worker.

(14) Rostov, Chief Directorate for Confectionery Products, has a sugar balance of 100 tons and proposes for the production program of the third quarter a supplementary delivery of 85 tons of sugar.

(15) For supply of the miners of "Rostovugol" in Shakhty the barley delivery in September for Rostov Oblast' will be increased to 10 tons.

(16) Grain Procurement in Stavropol is to deliver in October to:

	<u>Breadgrains</u>	<u>Barley</u>	<u>Maize</u>
Azerbaijdzhan Flour Directorate	6000 tons	3000 tons	10,000
Armenian Flour Directorate	3000	4000	3,000
Georgian Grain Procurement	10000	8000	5,000
Chechen-Ingush Grain Procurement	2000	1000	3,000
Kabardino-Balkar Grain Procurement	1000	----	-----
North Osetia	1000	1000	1,000

(17) The Spice-Oil Factory in Belorechenskaya suspended operation from lack of raw materials. In the warehouse of the Oil Trust in Krasnodar Oblast' 20,000 tons of sunflowers are stored, from which the plant in Belorechenskaya is to be supplied.

(18) Krasnodar, Grain Procurement, has to deliver for fall cultivation 1000 tons of winter seed grain to the Chechen-Ingush Republic and 1000 tons to the North Osetian Republic.

(19) Nalchik, Grain Procurement, procured in September according to plan 500 tons of flour and 100 tons of wheat grits.

(20) Up to 1 September 2550 hectares of hay were harvested at the kolkhozes of Groznyj Oblast' by military units. For the kolkhozes a compulsory delivery of 2077 tons of hay is established for the year 1943.

(21) Makhachkala, Grain Procurement, procured 1200 tons of flour as per the September plan.

(22) The Meat Combine in Makhachkala, as a result of overloading of cold-storage warehouse, can only work with great interruptions. The shipment of cattle is impossible due to a lack of railroad cars. The Canning Trust of Dagestan requires the delivery of 1000 tons of beef for canning.

(23) The NK for Trade in Baku received for canning production from the Chief Directorate for Sugar only 200 tons, which is 36% of the quarterly allocation based on the third quarter allotment.

(24) Baku, Meat Supply, proposes the allotment of 6 tons of imported alcohol from "Iran sovtrans"; alcohol is lacking there and the work has come to a stop.

(25) The Sugar Products Factory in Baku shipped in the first ten days of September 71 tons of sugar products. The factory suspended operation on 15 September from a lack of flour.

(26) Enterprises of the NK for the Meat and Dairy Industry in Baku produced in the first ten days of September:

Meat	173 tons
Sausage	170
Cheese	5.2
Butter	24
Frozen meat	48.3
Sheep's cheese	1
Gelatin	2.7
Soap	9.4

(27) Ashkhabad, Grain Procurement, had as of 1 September in its warehouses a balance of 21,505 tons of wheat.

(28) The following offices have received the following delivery of fats and confectionery goods for the third quarter:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Fats</u>	<u>Confectionery goods</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Upper Amur Steamship Agency	---	5 tons	---
Lower Amur Steamship Agency	---	1	---
Kujbyshev NKRF	2 tons	3	for branch office
Omsk NKRF	1	2	---
Omsk Water Transport Base	1	1	---
Novosibirsk NKRF	---	3	additional for third quarter
Shipyard in Baturino	---	2	---
Baturino NKRF	2	3	---

REQUIREMENTS

(29) Rostov/Don, Sovkhoz Supply, proposes the allotment of 500 tons of oil cakes from Armavir.

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	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Con signor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(30)	Kharkov Oblast'	2500 tons	Grain	Rostov, Oblast' Grain Procurement	----
(31)	Voroshilovgrad Oblast'	1500	Grain	"	----
(32)	Artemovsk	218	Grain	Krasnodar Oblast' Grain Procurement	----
(33)	Slavyansk	250	Grain	"	----
(34)	Stalino	200	Grain	"	----
(35)	Kabardino-Balkar Oblast'	1300	Corn	"	----
(36)	"	200	Winter wheat	Makhachkala Oblast' Grain Procurement	----
(37)	Ordzhonikidze, Food Supply	900	Wheat	Krasnodar Grain Procurement	----
(38)	Groznyj, Oil Industry	500	Wheat	"	In September for supply of bread to oil workers
(39)	Rostov/Don, Factory for Tea and Coffee Products	30	Barley	Rostov/Don Grain Procurement	----
(40)	Kujbyshev Oblast' Distilleries	500	Barley malt	"	----
(41)	Nevinomyskaya Wool Washing Plant	3	Fodder grain	Stavropol Grain Procurement	For September
(42)	Rostov/Don, Azov-Black Sea Power	1	Fodder grain	Rostov/Don Grain Procurement	For September

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(43)	Baku, NK for Agriculture	50	Fodder grain	Baku, Grain Procurement----	
		2	Fodder grain	----	For September
(44)	Elista	8	Fodder grain	Salsk Grain Procurement	"
		10	Groats	"	"
(45)	Rostov/Don, Prison Directorate, NKVD	10	Groats	Rostov/Don Grain Procurement	For October as an advance for the fourth quarter.
(46)	Elista	90	Flour	Salsk Grain Procurement	For September
(47)	Baku, Food Supply for the Caucasus Front	2000	Bagged flour	Baku Grain Procurement	"
	"	300	Sorted flour	"	"
(48)	Ukraine Grain Procurement	500	Beans	"	----
(49)	Rostov/Don Oil Supply	1ton	Oil cakes	Rostov/Don, Combine "Rabochij"	For draft animals
(50)	Krasnodar Livestock Procurement	60	Pressed hay	Krasnodar Hay Procurement	For the transport of cattle in the liberated oblasti
(51)	Olekminsk	125	Hay	Yakutsk	---
(52)	Krasnodar Meat Combine	200	Live cattle	Krasnodar Livestock Procurement	For September
(53)	Baku, Chief of Rear Services of the Caucasus Front	3	Herring	Makhachkala Fish Sales	"
(54)	Rostov/Don Champagne Factory	3	Fish	Rostov/Don Fish Sales	"
(55)	Rostov/Don Champagne Combine	30000 liters	Alcohol	Pyatigorsk Alcohol Trust	----
(56)	Ashkhabad Trade Organizations	12 barrels	Wine	Krasnovodsk Harbor	----
(57)	Baku, Canning Trust	30 tons	Sugar	Makhachkala Canning Trust	----
(58)	Baku, Chief of Rear Services of the Caucasus Front	36	Sugar	Baku, CD for Sugar	For July
		10	Sugar	"	For August
		25	Sugar	Baku "Iransovtrans"	For August
(59)	Nalchik, Meat Combine	2 cars	Salt	Baskunchak	----
(60)	Ashkhabad Flour Combine	940 tons	Wheat	Ashkhabad Grain Procurement	Received by 7 Sept.
(61)	Caucasus Front	239	Coal	Dagestan	A/o 15 September.
		24	Onions	Dagestan	"
		120	Cucumbers	Dagestan	"
		122	Tomatoes	Dagestan	"
		13	Assorted vegetables	Dagestan	"
(62)	Tbilisi	18.5	Canned fish	Baku Fish Sales	In the 3rd quarter.

3. METAL SUPPLY

(63) Voroshilovgrad, Authorized Agent of the NK for Heavy Machine Industry, completed the shipment for the third quarter of scrap for the NK for Land Defense. Up to 4 September 40,000 tons of scrap were shipped. In September 15,000 tons above plan must be collected for shipment.

(64) In Aleksevka, Saratov Oblast', a dock is being built. The work is being delayed because there is a lack of 5 mm. steel plate. The Steamship Agency must make available the necessary material so that the dock may be put into operation shortly.

(65) Rostov, Chief Directorate for Metal Sales, has a balance of 154 tons of cast iron and must deliver 45 tons to agricultural organizations.

(66) Semipalatinsk NKRF must deliver 30 tons of metal beams for the third quarter.

(67) Krasnoyarsk NKRF must deliver according to plan in the third quarter 125 tons of scrap and 25 tons of shavings. However, only 23 tons were delivered and 6 tons procured up to 1 September.

(68) Frunze, Metal Industry, demands from the Chief Directorate of Iron Trade in Voroshilovgrad the immediate delivery of 300 tons of scrap for the production of munitions.

REQUIREMENTS

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(69)	Erevan	20 tons	Wrought iron	----	----
(70)	Rostov/Don, Sovkhoz Supply	5	Tin	----	For the 4th quarter for the production of enamel utensils.
(71)	Krasnodar, Bakery Enterprises	3000 sheets	Roofing sheets	----	----

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(72)	Khabarovsk NKRF	20	Scrap	Khabarovsk Scrap Collection Point	For ship repair work
(73)	Dudenovo NKRF	40	Scrap	Gorkij, Scrap Collection Point	"
(74)	Gorkij NKRF	90	Scrap	"	"
(75)	Kujbyshev NKRF	70	Scrap	Kujbyshev Scrap Collection Point	"
(76)	Novosibirsk	55	Scrap	Novosibirsk Scrap Collection Point	"
(77)	Chardzhou	100	Metal	Chuzovskaya Steel Works	----
(78)	Rostov/Don Oblast' Industrial Supply	60	Cast iron	----	----

(79)	Poti, Technical Supply of the Black Sea Fleet	15	Wire	Baku	For the third quarter
(80)	Saratov, Sovkhoz Supply	1	Nails	Krasnodar, Sales for Industrial Metal Products	----
(81)	Saratov, Plant of NKRF	1.5	Nails	Saratov, Sales for Industrial Metal Products	For the 4th quarter
(82)	Groznyj, Technical Oil Supply	4	Nails	Tbilisi, Sales for Industrial Metal Products	For 3rd quarter

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	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(83)	NK for Iron Industry	381 cars	Brass	Baku Metal Sales	From 5-10 Sept.
(84)	Rostov/Don, Agricultural Supply	45 tons	Cast iron	Rostov/Don, CD for Metal Sales	----
(85)	Astrakhan NKRF	1.5	Hoop iron	Gorkij	On 15 September
(86)	Dzhulfa	18	Roofing sheet	Moscow	----
(87)	Krasnodar, Canning Trust	1 car	Galvanized wire	CD for Canning	----

4. OIL SUPPLY

(88) In Krasnodar Oblast' tractors are idle due to a lack of fuel. The delivery of 73 tank cars of fuel is required for September from Makhachkala.

(89) According to a conversation of 16 September 1200 tons of petroleum are required daily from the Makhachkala-Groznyj oil line. Reconstruction work is being carried out on the Groznyj-Armavir line.

(90) The Highway Construction Directorate in Tbilisi cannot fulfill the proposed plan because of a lack of fuel deliveries. It requires for September 70 tons of gasoline, 25 tons of ligroin, and 30 tons of motor oil.

REQUIREMENTS

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(91)	Chita	50 tons	Machine oil	Krasnovodsk, CD for Oil Supply	---

(92)	Consignee	Quantity	Type	Consignor	Remarks
	Groznyj, Alcohol Factory	4	Petroleum	----	For October
	"	2.5	Gasoline	----	"
	"	0.5	Machine oil	----	"
	"	0.5	Cylinder oil	----	"
	"	0.5	Avtol	----	"
	"	0.3	Solidol	----	"

AUTHORIZATIONS

(93)	Krasnovodsk, Plant 174 of the Tank Industry	310 tons	Mazut	Krasnovodsk Oil Supply	---
(94)	Koshekhabl "Glavaroma"	8	Naphtha	---	For September
(95)	Voznesensk "Glavaroma"	5	Naphtha	---	For September
(96)	Krasnodar, Directorate of Military Reconstruction	50	Diesel oil	Groznyj	"
(97)	Tashkent, "Norilstroj"	100	Diesel oil	Krasnovodsk Oil Supply	"
(98)	Moscow-Volga Canal Steamship Agency	20	Petroleum	Gorkij NKRF	----
(99)	Krasnodar, City Executive Committee	20	Petroleum	Makhachkala Oil Supply	For 3rd quarter
(100)	Tyrnyaus (?) Combine	1	Petroleum	Astrakhan Oil Supply	For September
(101)	Armavir Potash Plant	10	Petroleum	Krasnodar Oil Supply	For September
(102)	Directorate of Military Supply, NK VD, North Caucasus Military Okrug	10	Gasoline	Rostov/Don Oil Supply	Supplementary for September
(103)	Armavir Potash Works	20	Gasoline	Rostov/Don Oil Supply	For September
(104)	Tyrnyaus (?)	6	Ligroin	Astrakhan Oil Supply	For September
(105)	Stalingrad "Rotor"	50	Gas oil	Baku "Stvol"	----
(106)	Plants of the NK for the Tank Industry	425	Lubrication oil	Baku Oil Supply	For September
(107)	Plant of the NK for the Chemical Industry	425	Lubrication oil	Baku Oil Supply	For September
(108)	Rostov/Don Plant "Vozrozhdenie"	150	Machine oil	Rostov/Don Oil Supply	----
(109)	Novotagilsk Metal Plant	50	Turbine oil	Baku Oil Supply	----
(110)	Stalingrad "Rotor"	25	Turbine oil	Baku "Stvol"	----

(111)	Krasnodar "Oktyabr"	1	Avtol "10"	Krasnodar Oil Supply	Supplementary for 3rd quarter
	"	0.5	Solidol	"	"
(112)	Baku Plant 180	1 car	Rifle grease	Baku Tank Supply	----

DELIVERY

(113)	Tabriz	50 tons	Diesel oil	Baku Oil Supply	On 10 September
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5. CHEMICAL SUPPLY

(114) The Oil and Fats Factory in Rostov is idle because of a lack of caustic soda. It is to receive caustic soda from Chemical Plant #91 in Stalingrad.

(115) The Pharmaceutical Directorate in Makhachkala lacks gypsum for the regular delivery to the hospitals.

(116) The Chemical Plant of Dagestan in Makhachkala requests the delivery of 200 tons of silicate blocks from the NK for the Construction Materials Industry.

REQUIREMENTS

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(117)	Tyrny-Aus, Combine of NKVD	1500 cu. m.	Oxygen	Groznyj Oil Combine	Monthly
(118)	Baku, Plant "Schmidt"	370 tons	Copper vitriol	Baku Oil Supply	----
(119)	Leningrad	2 cars	Sodium sulphide	Kineshma	In the first 10- day period of September
(120)	Rostov, Oil and Fat Factory	12 tons	Caustic soda	Stalingrad, Chemical Plant #91	In September
(121)	Astrakhan, Lower Volga Steamship Agency	0.5 tons	Quick- lime	Molotov, River Fleet Supply	----
(122)	Rostov, Azov- Black Sea Power	1 car	Super- phosphate	Voskresensk, Chemical Combine	In September
(123)	Stalingrad NKRF	4 tons	Varnish	----	In September
(124)	Chistopol NKRF	5 tons	Varnish	----	For 3rd quarter
(125)	Kama Steamship Agency	0.25	Red lead	----	For 2nd and 3rd quarters
(126)	Lower Volga Steamship Agency	1.5	Zinc white	Astrakhan NKRF	----
(127)	Irkutsk NKRF	4	Kuzbas lacquer	Baikal Zelenga Steam- ship Agency	----
(128)	Chardzhou NKRF	1 tank car	Lacquer	Novosibirsk	Of which 5 tons to Aralsk
(129)	Baku Technical Oil Supply	4.5 tons	Acetone	Sverdlovsk	----
(130)	Kyzyl-Tukmachi, Glassware Plant	10	Synthetic rubber	Kutaisi, Cannery	----
	"	4	Synthetic rubber	Gori, Cannery	----

(131)	Omsk NKRF	1 car	Chalk	Kujbyshev	----
(132)	Semipalatinsk, Upper Amur Steamship Agency	6 tons	Chalk	Kujbyshev	----
(133)	Makhachkala Pharmaceutical Directorate	1 car	Gypsum	Molotov, Gypsum Factory	----
(134)	Leningrad, Chemi- cal Plant	240 tons	Gypsum	Nizhnetagilsk Coke Chemical Plant	By 6 September
(135)	Kama Steamship Agency	1	Camphor	----	For 2nd and 3rd quarters, to be shipped from Gorkij NKRF
(136)	Krasnodar Health Department	2000 doses	Serum for burns	Chkalov, Ukrain e Mechnikov Institute	In September
(137)	Stalingrad, Soap Factory	30 tons	Fats	Rostov, Combine "Rabochi"	In September

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(138)	Baku, Tank Supply	2 tons	Sulfa extract	Pravdinsk, Plant "Dubitel"	In August
(139)	Moscow, NK for Armaments	7 cars	Carbide	Kirovakan, Chemical Plant	In August
(140)	Baku, NK for Transportation	1 car 12 tons	Carbide Caustic soda	" Tbilisi "Sovpren"	" "
(141)	Baku, Combine "Lenin"	8	Caustic soda	Tbilisi "Sovpren"	"
(142)	"	8	Caustic soda	Erevan	"
(143)	Groznyj	75	Caustic soda	Tbilisi "Sovpren"	"
(144)	Kirovabad, Fat Combine	10	Caustic soda	"	"
(145)	Tbilisi, NK for Transportation	12	Caustic soda	"	"
(146)	NK for Navy	8	Caustic soda	"	"
(147)	Rostov	3 cars	Soap	----	American pro- ducts received supplementarily in August.